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Mr. K. V. R Swami :—" May I know whether the Government will call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Police

Alleged arrest of Mr. Venkatappayya on 17th February 1929.

*1709 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government intend taking any action against the Police officials who arrested and kept in custody Mr. Venkatappayya and others on 17th February 1929 ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Does the hon. the Home Member think that the action of the Police was justified ? "

The hon. the President :—" What the hon. Member thinks is an opinion."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know why Government do not intend taking any action against the Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Because nothing illegal was done—a view upheld by the Legislative Council by the failure of the adjournment motion."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether the Government will make enquiries in regard to the antecedents past and present of Mr. Venkatappayya ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" There is no necessity for Government to make any enquiries about antecedents."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether the Government have really taken into consideration the question whether the arrest is justifiable or not, and may I know whether the Government will investigate the matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The question has already been answered."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Is it true that on account of these arrests the Assistant Commissioner of Police has been transferred ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Not that I know of, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Mr. Venkatappayya, of the hon. Mr. V. Ramadoss Pantulu and others categorically denying the statement made by the hon. the Home Member on the floor of this House that they gave no such undertaking, and may I know whether the Government propose to take any action against the Police that arrested these people ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I still maintain the answer that I gave the other day."

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Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether Government have taken the advice of their Legal Adviser before answering this question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he is aware that Mr. Venkatappayya has all along been a man of peace and that it has been his creed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I do not know, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it true that the Assistant Commissioner of Police has been rewarded by the appointment of Superintendent of Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether he has not been appointed Deputy Superintendent of Police ? Is it true ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the answer that he gave to Mr. Harisarvottama Rao that he does not know the antecedents of Mr. Venkatappayya, whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no necessity for such an enquiry."

Alleged detention of Mr. N. Somayajulu at Tuticorin.

* 1710 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. N. Somayajulu has been arrested and kept in jail without any warrant by the Police at Tuticorin while he was starting for Madras to attend the Simon Boycott demonstration ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he is still confined in jail without being informed of the case or charge against him ;

(*c*) whether the Government have given any instructions in this matter ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to take any action against the Police officials concerned for the action taken by them ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government await the information called for in respect of clauses (*a*) and (*b*).

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether such detention was resorted to by the Police in other districts as in North Arcot ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" How is that relevant as a supplementary question to the answer given now ? "